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FOR AID/AFR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAID, MP, US

SUBJECT: AFRICAN MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (AMDP)

REF: AIDTO CIRC A-387 DTD 7/7/76

1. THIS PORT WOULD MERY MUCH LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN AMDP BOTH BECAUSE OF INHERENT ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE PROJECT AND BECAUSE IT IS ONE OF THE VERY FEW FORMS OF ASSISTANCE WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER THE GOM. BEFORE PROPOSING THE PROJECT TO THE GOM, HOWEVER, THERE IS ONE SERIOUS SNAG THAT OUGHT TO BE RESOLVED.

2. I AM TOLD BY EMBASSY OFFICERS WITH PRIOR EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH GOM ON THESE MATTERS THAT GOM HAS CONSISTENTLY DECLINED TO ACCEPT TRAINING OFFERS WHICH REQUIRE GOM TO PAY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS OF PARTICIPANTS. GOM MAKES INVIDIOUS COMPARISONS AMONG TRAINING OFFERS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES, AND SINCE BRITAIN, FRANCE AND ALL COMMUNIST COUNTRIES INCLUDE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS IN THEIR GRANTS, USG OFFERS ARE CLEARLY LESS APPEALING, IN FACT, NOT APPEALING AT ALL. IT THEREFORE APPEARS SOMEWHAT SENSELESS TO PROPOSE THIS PROJECT TO GOM IF WE MUST AT SAME TIME MAKE CLEAR TO THEM THAT THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS.

3. MAURITIUS WOULD NOT APPEAR TO QUALIFY AS AN RLDC. IS THERE A POSSIBILITY THAT MAURITIUS COULD BE INCLUDED IN WAIVER, AT LEAST TO EXTENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS? BELIEVE GOM WOULD BE WILLING TO SHARE SOME COSTS, FOR EXAMPLE

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CONTINUING SALARIES AND BENEFITS OF CIVIL SERVANTS SELECTED

FOR TRAINING IN US.

4. REQUEST ADVICE BEFORE WE PROCEED TO APPRAOCH GOM.
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